

NEW YORK CITY TAXI AND LIMOUSINE COMMISSION

Notice of Promulgation of Rules

Notice is hereby given in accordance with section 1043(b) of the Charter of the City of New York (“Charter”) that the Taxi and Limousine Commission (“TLC”) promulgates a rule requiring that all Street Hail Livery vehicles display a mandatory “Hail Zone” decal on each of its rear doors.

These rules are promulgated pursuant to sections 1043 and 2303 of the New York City Charter and section 19-503 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York.

On September 18, 2014, a public hearing on these rules was held by the TLC at the TLC’s offices at 33 Beaver St., 19th Floor, New York, New York. These rules were approved at the TLC’s public Commission Meeting held on September 18, 2014. These rules will take effect 30 days after publication.

STATEMENT OF BASIS AND PURPOSE

The TLC has adopted a rule that requires Street Hail Livery vehicles (also known as Boro Taxis or green cabs) to display a mandatory “Hail Zone” decal on each of its rear doors. The decal will inform prospective passengers that these vehicles are not authorized to pick up passengers in Manhattan south of East 96th Street and south of West 110th Street or at the La Guardia or John F. Kennedy airports. (These areas are known as the Hail Exclusionary Zone.)

By educating the public by means of the decal regarding where Boro Taxis may not make pick-ups, the TLC expects to reduce both prospective passengers’ confusion and attempts by prospective passengers to hail Boro Taxis in the Hail Exclusionary Zone. The decal will also support drivers when they inform passengers that they may not pick them up in the Hail Exclusionary Zone. Passengers will know that they are not being refused service unfairly and that the driver is prohibited by law from picking them up.

The Commission believes that the cost incurred by the licensees for the decal will be minimal.

The Commission’s authority for this rule change is found in section 2303 of the New York City Charter and section 19-503 of the Administrative Code of the City of New York.

New material is underlined.

[Material inside brackets indicates deleted material.]

Section 1. Section 82-33(1) of Title 35 of the Rules of the City of New York is amended by adding a new paragraph (n), to read as follows:

(1) *Marking Specifications for Street Hail Liveries*

INSCRIPTION*	LOCATION	SIZE
<u>(n) “Street Hail Livery Hail Zone Decal.” The decal may be obtained pursuant to instructions posted on the Commission website or through other appropriate means announced on its website. (required)</u>	<u>On the driver and passenger side rear doors, with the left-most point of the decal vertically aligned with the left-most point of the metered fare decal, and located two inches below the base line of the rate of fare decals.</u>	<u>The size of the decal will be determined by the Commission.</u>